



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

April 1, 2005

Applicant(s): Kenichi TAKAHIRO, et al.

Title : RING-SHAPED METAL GASKET

Serial No. : 10/805 960

Group: 3676

Confirmation No.: 2590

Filed : March 22, 2004

Examiner: Patel

International Application No.: -

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Atty. Docket No.: N&H 448

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

[] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005,
Applicants respond as follows:

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